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# Weekly Weather Crop Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, November 15, 2009**. Sunshine was a welcomed sight for farmers this past week as many were able to make considerable progress in the fields. Row crop harvesting is nearing completion and winter wheat planting is well underway. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent short 73 percent adequate and 26 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 11/15/09

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, harvested	100	99	100	100
Cotton, open bolls	100	99	100	100
Cotton, harvested	85	52	95	98
Peanuts, harvested	60	42	97	--
Rice, harvested	99	97	100	100
Sorghum, harvested	99	96	100	100
Soybeans, harvested	94	82	99	100
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	50	42	100	96
Winter Wheat, planted	64	31	78	78
Winter Wheat, emerged	22	13	54	48

Crop condition for week ending 11/15/09

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Sweet Potatoes	49	27	16	8	0

## Comments

- “Producers had a good week to harvest crops. There are a few fields of soybeans and cotton left to be harvested.”  
— Melvin Oatis, Benton
- “Cotton yields are running about 40-50% off. Soybean yields, where there is enough to harvest, is running about 35% loss. Soybeans that are harvested are for salvage at a 60% reduced price.”  
— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada
- “Corn and soybean harvest progressed significantly. Tillage will be needed to eliminate rutting of wet fields.”  
— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc
- “This past week producers were able to finally get all soybeans harvested in the county. The last bit of hay was being baled this weekend.”  
— Shelby Bearden, Copiah
- “Mississippi River flooding has the road to Loch Leven covered and they are unable to get equipment to the field to harvest soybeans. Soybeans are ready to cut, but when depends on river stage.”  
— Ann H. Davis, Wilkinson
- “Farmers are still struggling to get last crops out of the field. Ryegrass is looking good.”  
— Chuck Grantham, Forrest
- “This week should allow for all peanuts to be harvested. Syrup makers are processing sugar cane for syrup, and usually conclude during the Thanksgiving holiday. The remainder of the hay is being harvested. Cattle are doing well.”  
— Allen McReynolds, Wayne
- “Producers were finally able to get a full week of harvesting without rain. Some hay is still being cut. Hay is beginning to be fed. Market prices for weaned calves are well below the cost of production.”  
— Mike Howell, Lee

“Farmers were glad to see a week of sunshine last week. They were busy smoothing out ruts so fieldwork could be done.”

— Laura Giaccaglia, Bolivar

“Farmers had a good week to complete harvest work except for weather damaged soybeans. They also got a lot of fall tillage work completed, including some wheat planting.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Harvest is almost complete. A number of acres of insured soybeans will not be harvested due to damage and low prices.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Farmers are finally getting a chance to salvage the remains of their crop. There will be few, if any, success stories this year.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

(Additional comments appear at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm>)

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 11/15/09													
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Plan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
<b>Upper Delta</b>													
Clarksdale	76	37	58	54	4	0.00	-1.30	0	1.29				
Cleveland	77	39	61	55	6	0.00	-1.23	0	4.10				
Lambert 1W	79	36	60			0.00		0	4.87				
Tunica 2N	75	39	59	53	6	0.00	-1.26	0	5.42				
Extreme/Average	77	38	60	54	6	0.00	-1.26	0	3.92				
<b>North-Central</b>													
Batesville 2SW	78	35	58	53	5	0.00	-1.30	0	5.05				
Calhoun City	76	35	58	53	5	0.00	-1.09	0	3.51				
Hickory Flat	75	31	56	51	5	0.00	-1.29	0	3.54				
Holly Springs	76	29	55	51	4	0.00	-1.28	0	3.92				
Independence	76	33	56	52	4	0.00	-1.12	0	5.14				
Oxford	77	33	58	52	6	0.00	-1.24	0	4.57				
Water Valley	73	35	57	53	4	0.00	-1.30	0	3.87				
Extreme/Average	76	33	57	52	5	0.00	-1.23	0	4.23				
<b>Northeast</b>													
Booneville	74	34	57	52	5	0.00	-1.27	0	3.37				
Corinth 7SW	74	33	56	54	2	0.00	-1.32	0	2.75				
Tupelo 2	74	38	57			0.00		0	3.27				
Pontotoc Exp Stn	73	36	58	54	4	0.00	-1.09	0	4.32				
Verona	75	36	57	53	4	0.00	-1.07	0	3.22				
Extreme/Average	74	36	57	53	4	0.00	-1.19	0	3.39				
<b>Lower Delta</b>													
Belzoni	77	40	58	55	3	0.00	-1.21	0	4.20				
Rolling Fork	77	38	61	55	6	0.00	-1.12	0	3.93				
Yazoo City	78	40	63	56	7	0.00	-1.19	0	4.03				
Extreme/Average	77	39	61	55	6	0.00	-1.17	0	4.05				
<b>Central</b>													
Eupora 2E	72	34	55	53	2	0.02	-1.18	1	4.39				
Forest 3S	72	34	56	56	0	0.27	-1.00	1	2.51				
Kosciusko	74	37	57	55	2	0.00	-1.30	0	3.51				
Winona	75	34	56	51	5	0.00	-1.15	0	3.16				
Extreme/Average	73	35	56	54	2	0.07	-1.16	1	3.39				
<b>East-Central</b>													
Aberdeen	74	36	56	53	3	0.16	-0.93	1	4.22				
Columbus	74	41	60	55	5	0.88	-0.33	1	3.87				
Macon	74	38	57	54	3	0.97	-0.31	2	6.48				
Philadelphia	75	37	59	55	4	0.32	-0.82	1	2.75				
State University	75	37	57	54	3	0.26	-0.82	2	3.73				
Extreme/Average	74	38	58	54	4	0.52	-0.64	1	4.21				
<b>Southwest</b>													
Brookhaven City	72	42	62	57	5	0.06	-1.03	1	1.51				
Crystal SPRG Exp	74	38	60	58	2	0.00	-1.04	0	4.05				
Natchez	76	33	59	59	0	0.00	-1.29	0	3.98				
Port Gibson 1N	75	35	60	55	5	0.00	-1.16	0	4.30				
Vicksburg	77	40	61			0.00	0.00	0	4.60				
Extreme/Average	75	37	60	57	3	0.01	1.13	0	3.69				
<b>South-Central</b>													
Collins	72	38	57	57	0	0.60	-0.53	1	3.20				
Columbia	75	39	61	58	3	0.00	-1.14	0	1.46				
Monticello	75	36	60	56	4	0.43	-0.72	2	3.38				
Raleigh 6N	71	36	57	59	-2	0.00	-1.12	0	2.33				
Extreme/Average	73	37	59	58	1	0.26	-0.88	1	2.59				
<b>Southeast</b>													
Hattiesburg	74	40	60	58	2	0.83	-0.42	1	2.64				
Laurel	74	38	59	57	2	1.30	0.16	1	2.19				
Newton Exp Stn	75	35	58	55	3	0.81	-0.41	1	3.32				
Waynesboro	77	41	60	56	4	4.13	2.92	2	5.01				
Extreme/Average	75	39	59	57	2	1.77	0.56	1	3.29				
<b>Coastal</b>													
Biloxi	75	43	62	61	1	2.69	1.54	2	3.42				
Wiggins	73	34	57	59	-2	0.00	-1.21	0	0.80				
Extreme/Average	74	39	60	60	0	1.35	0.17	1	2.11				
<b>State</b>	75	37	59	55	4	0.40	-0.79	1	3.49				

DFN = Departure from Normal.